

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT

July 30, 2012

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Special Shuttle Services Added for Upcoming Weekend

In order to assist with the crowds at the US Open of Surfing, there will be additional shuttle services this weekend.

Pick-up times will be as follows:

Saturday, August 4 -- 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sunday, August 5 -- 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

There are three locations available to leave your car and ride the shuttle:

Huntington Beach City Hall

2000 Main Street

Pick up the shuttle in front of the building between City Hall and the Police Department

Huntington Beach High School

1905 Main Street

Enter the parking lot using Utica Avenue and park in front of the Aquatic Facility.

The stop Downtown will be at Orange and Main Street.

Edison High School

21400 Magnolia Street

Enter the parking at the traffic signal at Edison Lane.

Park at the lot's main entrance.

The stop Downtown will be at First Street and Atlanta Avenue.

The shuttles will run every 15 minutes. No coolers will be allowed.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Huntington Beach Art Center

On Wednesday, August 1, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. the Art Center will present a panel discussion with Council Members Connie Boardman and Devin Dwyer along with Sue Gordon from Rainbow Disposal. The distinguished panel will be discussing recycling, plastic bags, and green initiatives in Huntington Beach. Presented in conjunction with the current exhibition, ***Escape from the Landfill***, the panel discussion is part of the Art Center's Late8 series. Admission is free. Call the Art Center at 714-374-1650 or visit www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org for additional information.

Huntington Beach Senior Services

Spice it Up! A nutrition workshop, *Spice it Up*, will be offered at the Michael E. Rodgers Seniors Center on Tuesday, August 14 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. for \$25.00. Jill Foreman, MS

Biochemistry & Nutrition, will show you nature's medicines in your pantry, the history, biochemistry, and health benefits of spices A-Z, and ideas on how to use these powerful and tasty ingredients. A \$2.00 material fee is due at the workshop. Register for the class at www.hbsands.org or at the senior center, 1706 Orange Avenue, Huntington Beach. For more information, call 714-536-5486.

July is "Parks Make Life Better!" month

We would like to thank everyone who made July is "Parks Make Life Better!" month such a success by participating in the PMLB photo contest, attending a special event or concert, enjoying recreational classes, or relaxing at a park or the beach! The Community Services Department along with other city departments will continue the enthusiastic campaign to focus on the positive mental and physical benefits of parks, programs and community facilities in Huntington Beach. Keep an eye out for the upcoming SANDS recreational brochures to see the winners of the inaugural PMLB photo contest!



Adult Arena Soccer Sign-Ups

The City of Huntington Beach Community Services Department offers year round adult arena soccer leagues at the award winning Central Park Sports Complex and is currently accepting registration for its Fall 2012 league. Games will be played on artificial sports turf under the lights beginning the week of September 11, 2012. Team registration costs are \$400.00 per 8-week season plus referee fees (\$20.00) per game paid directly to the official by each team. League play will be 6 v 6 including the goalie. Men's leagues are offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and Coed on Thursday and Friday. All teams must have uniforms with numbers. Registration packets are available at City Hall, on the City website, or by mail. For league information or to be placed on the individual players list, please call 714-536-5486. The deadline to turn in team registration to City Hall is August 31, 2012.

Adventure Playground

The City of Huntington Beach's Adventure Playground is open for business from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday - closed on Sundays. Adventure Playground will close for the Summer August 10. The cost is \$3.00 per person and all adult chaperones are FREE. Kids can raft across the mud pond, balance on the rope bridge, splash down the mud slide, and build with hammers and saws. Adults are required for all children under the age of 12 and closed tennis shoes are a must. NO OPEN toe shoes or crocks allowed! No exceptions!! Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more. Adventure Playground is located east of the Central Park Library. For more information, please call Adventure Playground at 714-842-7442.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FREE Parking and FREE Surf City Downtown Shuttle on Tuesdays and Weekends through Labor Day!

The Surf City Shuttle operates every Tuesday during Surf City Nights from 5:30-10 PM and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 AM-10 PM, providing a fun, easy, and FREE option for getting to the downtown during its busiest times. The Shuttle operates every 30 minutes from the Huntington Beach Civic Center at 2000 Main Street, where shuttle passengers can also

take advantage of free parking! For more information on the Shuttle as well as weekend vehicle valet and free secured downtown bike parking, please visit: http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/visitors/parking/shuttle_parking/

Surf City Valet – Fast, Easy, and Convenient Downtown Parking

For those looking for a fast, easy and convenient alternative to searching for an available parking space during the US Open, take advantage of the valet parking service provided by PPS Parking at the City's Main-Promenade Parking Garage. Valet services will be offered from 6 am to midnight. Look for the vehicle valet drop off located on Olive, near Main Street.

Secured/Free Bike Parking

Bicyclists searching for prime - free – and secure - parking for their wheels during the US Open – do not search too long... Pedego Electric Bicycles will provide free, secured bicycle parking at their location on weekends from 10 AM to 6 PM and Tuesdays during Surf City Nights from 5 PM to 9 PM. Pedego Electric Bikes is located at the corner of 5th and Olive, at 301 5th Street. For more information, visit: <http://www.pedego.com/>

FIRE

2012 CERT Basic Course Graduating Class

The Fire Department would like to congratulate the 2012 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic Course graduating class. CERT is a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) endorsed training program that prepares individuals to help themselves, their families, neighbors and community in the event of a disaster. This year there were 52 community members that finished the series of classes. The members completed 32 hours of training over a four month period. The training consisted of disaster preparedness, disaster first aid, fire extinguisher use, and light search and rescue.

The graduates now have the opportunity to become Fire Department CERT Volunteers. Once accepted, they will help the City prepare for, and respond to, disasters by doing public education, providing damage assessment information, sandbagging, sheltering, helping in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and providing support to public safety personnel. Furthermore, they will have the opportunity to respond to incidents in other cities as an Orange County CERT Mutual Aid Program (CMAP) Responder.

If you have any questions regarding the CERT Program, please contact Brevyn Mettler, Emergency Services Coordinator, at 714- 374-1565.

Confined Space Drill at Boeing

The Fire Department hosted a county-wide Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) drill at the Boeing facility in Huntington Beach, July 20-24. Mike Nelson, the Security/Fire Manager at Boeing, offered their site to conduct a drill where seven fire agencies and over 150 firefighters participated in confined space training.

The scenario for this drill was a report of two workers trapped and unresponsive inside a vault 20 feet below grade level. The complexity of the drill scenario allowed for a multi-agency

training exercise. Over the course of five days, the drill was repeated allowing all agencies to participate and maximize the opportunities.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Did you know the City website has a very large selection of streaming videos? You can watch a variety of videos such as HBTv3 Live, archived videos of Surf City Highlights, Cityworks, City Attractions, City Events and videos about the City departments. You can find a link to this page from the City site homepage or under the Residents navigation tab:

<http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/videos>

LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Videoconferencing @ the Library

The Huntington Beach Public Library has six separate meeting rooms with seating capacities ranging from 10 (boardroom style) to 200 (theater style) to meet the community's videoconferencing needs. Catering is also available on premises with an in-house commercial kitchen and local referrals. Videoconferencing allows real-time interviews, business meetings, depositions, training sessions, seminars, and family visits to take place across the country and around the globe. For more information, please contact Facilities Coordinator Renee Brown at 714-375-8425.

PLANNING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Administrator

On August 1, 2012, at 1:30PM in Room B-8, the Zoning Administrator will conduct a public hearing on the following items:

SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 12-05 (COASTAL FARMS PRODUCE STAND) to review a request to permit the establishment and operation of a temporary seasonal goods and foods use on a vacant site. The proposed use will consist of the sale of fruits and vegetables on a yearly basis for a period of two years (2012-2014) between January 1st and September 30th. (19401 Beach Boulevard, 92648 - west side of Beach Boulevard, north of Yorktown Avenue). Contact Tess Nguyen, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information;

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 11-27/ VARIANCE NO. 12-02 (OCTA SURFACE PARKING LOT) to review a request to permit the construction of a 208-space exposed surface parking lot on an approximately 1.83-acre vacant parcel owned by Southern California Edison (SCE) for the purpose of providing additional parking for carpool and vanpool users of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Transportation Center. (7401 Center Avenue, 92647 - north side of Center Avenue, east of Gothard Street). Contact Tess Nguyen, project planner, at 714-536-5271 for further information. A copy of the agenda is available on the City's website.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE

The City of Huntington Beach plays host again to the US Open of Surfing sponsored by Nike, Hurley and Converse. The Contest kicked off Saturday, July 28, and finishes Sunday August 5. The Huntington Beach Police Department has worked, in cooperation with the promoter IMG, to make some changes intended to make the event safer and more enjoyable. HBPD and IMG have a close partnership and have been working diligently since last year's event to implement some changes:

- **Shuttle service from Edison High School and Huntington Beach High School on Saturday August 4th and Sunday August 5th. Park for free and enjoy a free shuttle ride to the event courtesy of IMG.**
- Addition of portable restrooms downtown at Main and Walnut.
- After hours street cleaning in the downtown area.
- Message board detour signs on P.C.H. at Beach and Warner for heavy traffic.
- Main Street closed to vehicle traffic on Friday August 3rd through Sunday August 5th.
- New venue site plan and stage location.
- **No concert on Saturday August 4th!** Saturday will host the Junior men's and women's surfing finals and the skate qualifier.

Please remember the following items are strictly **prohibited** in the venue and on the city beach:

Alcohol (strictly enforced), Smoking, Animals (except service dogs), Vending or Product Sampling

The following items are prohibited in the concert venue:

Alcohol/Smoking, Umbrellas, Skate Boards, Coolers, Glass Bottles, Back packs and large purses are subject to search

The Huntington Beach Police Department would like to remind everyone the parking lots fill up early and encourages the use of the **weekend shuttle service**.

PUBLIC WORKS

Downtown Temporary Street Closures – U.S. Open of Surfing

In support of activities related to the U.S. Open of Surfing event this week, the Public Works Department will be temporarily closing portions of several streets. The northbound portion of 1st Street will be closed Wednesday through Sunday between noon and 8 pm to aid in emergency response services. The first block of Main Street will be closed on Thursday morning from 6 am to 1 pm for a downtown event. Beginning Friday morning, the first two blocks of Main Street (PCH to Olive) will be closed continuously until Sunday evening. Pedestrian and vehicle traffic associated with the event are expected to peak in the latter part of the week and these closures are expected to help manage the flow of both around the

downtown area. The normal Tuesday closures for Surf City Nights will also be in effect from 2 pm until 10 pm.

Lead and Copper Testing

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has mandated that all water suppliers have a monitoring program for the detection of lead and copper. The State requires that all large water systems perform this monitoring every three years. The Public Works Utilities Division will be sending out letters to a number of households beginning this week seeking volunteers for the program. There is no cost to the resident and results of the testing will be mailed to all participants. To qualify for the testing houses must not have: a water softener, epoxy/poly coated piping, piping less than 6 months old, or a whole-house treatment device. If residents elect to participate, Utilities Division staff will deliver a sample bottle with instructions. Participants then leave the bottle on their doorstep and staff picks it up the next day. Please consider participating should you receive a letter.